

MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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Prior Application: Y. NAKAYA  
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For: METHOD OF CODING AND DECODING IMAGE

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/262,934, filed on October 3, 2002, entitled METHOD OF CODING AND DECODING IMAGE, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

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|--------------------|---|---|----|---|---|--------|-----------|
| Basic Fee          |   |   |    |   |   |        | \$ 770.00 |
| Total Claims       | 4 | - | 20 | = | 0 | x 18 = |           |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - | 3  | = | 0 | x 84 = |           |
| Total Filing Fee   |   |   |    |   |   |        | \$ 770.00 |

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/262,934, filed October 3, 2002, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/987,212, filed November 13, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,483,877, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/694,686, filed October 24, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,442,205, which is a continuation

application of U.S. Serial No. 09/438,528, filed November 12, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,178,202, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/819,628, file March 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,008,852. This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 10/262,936, filed October 3, 2002.

7. New drawings are enclosed, sixteen (16) sheets, Figs. 1-21.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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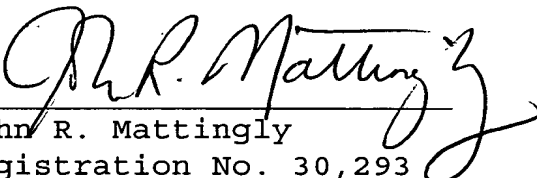
Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.  
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 8-060572, filed March 18, 1996.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/262,934, as originally filed on October 3, 2002.

  
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